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High priest; Sunday school superintendent. Farmer and stockraiser.

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The family left for America in 1856 and after landing in New York went to Pennsylvania where they stayed for four years working in a coal mine to get money enough to continue their trip west. They finally moved to Illinois where they stayed three years and then left for Utah in June of 1863. They arrived in Salt Lake on October 17, 1863 and were advised by Brigham Young to settle in Heber where they arrived on October 23, 1863. Money was scarce, and William welcomed a chance to earn \$1.50 a day working for the Union Pacific Railroad in Echo Canyon.

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In October of 1904 William sold his farm in Center and moved to London, Utah County. He continued to be active in the Church there. In 1922 he moved to Vernal and then settled in a little community of Naples, Uintah County.

His wife died on May 2, 1927, and shortly thereafter, William was called on a special mission to do temple work at the Manti Temple. When his call was finished in Manti he returned to London to live with two of his daughters and then went to Vernal where he died just 10 years after his wife's passing.

Jane spent many of her early years in Sanpete County after coming to America from Scotland. She was only two years old when the family crossed the plains, but she walked as much of the way as she could. When her parents moved to Heber she came with the family and it was here that she met and married William in 1874. Their first home had only one room, but as the family grew, rooms were added. They lived in their first home, with additions, for some 35 years.

Jane was known as an industrious person, and would spin yarn, make sweaters, stockings, dresses, underwear, suits, overalls and also temple garments. She also made her own soap and paint, as well as quilts and carpets. Her house was always kept spotless.

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